

# AVERY FIRE ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 6, 2022 - LINVILLE CENTRAL RESCUE SQUAD HALL

President Scott Stansbury called the meeting to order and thanked the Rescue Squad for hosting the meeting. Kennie McFee moved that the minutes from the December 2021 meeting be approved with one name correction: Russell Carter - sheriff's candidate attended the meeting. Bob Pudney seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Frank, Elk Park & Banner Elk were not represented. There was no treasurer's report.

It was reported that Mayland Tech would be holding a Chief's 101 & refresher class at Crossnore station January 15th beginning at 8:00am, Opts 5 would be held at Green Valley beginning January 11th and the McDowell Fire School class schedule is available online.

Bob Pudney explained that the Chief's Committee discussed non-responses and decided that we need to gather data.

Jim Brooks gave a report from the 911 committee. He was asked to request non-response data at the next 911 meeting from dispatch. Tyler told a member that he gets better data from Avery Alert than from I Am Responding. Levin noted that he received a call to: "Millers Gap Hwy to MT". A class for Watauga & Boone dispatchers was mentioned that taught dispatchers the data needed by fire & ems. Members wanted to know why departments were getting repeated pages on Code Gold calls. Members also noted that Med units were not coming to every call.

The Awards Committee announced that the awards dinner would be at Newland Station February 3rd and that Green Valley would take November.

## New Business

Mark Taylor thanked members for help with the fire off Roseborough Road. He also explained the problems with getting the county drone and it's limited range. He noted that it would have been very helpful in locating the fire and it's movement. The group discussed buying a more up to date model with infrared & thermal camera and putting it on the Newland equipment truck with multiple trained and licensed operators. Mike Richardson moved "that the Association do so" Bobby Powell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Charles Johnson announced that Josh Henson had retired from the Crossnore Fire Department but was still the paid employee. He noted that Jeffrey was the interim Chief.

Bobby Powell reported that there was a new firefighter certification that would use the Chief and a certified instructor. It would check abilities and only apply to that department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.